REMARKS

This supplemental amendment presents a claim set to substitute for the claim set presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed November 15, 2004. This substitute claim set better delineates the amendments to originally presented claims 19, 21, 22 and 33.

Claims 1-45 are pending in the application. The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert E. Goozner, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 42,593) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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